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	Jason Prone	3724	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 4, 6 and 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17 and 18 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 4, 6, and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities: These claims have been withdrawn from prosecution but are labeled as (original) when they should be labeled as (Withdrawn). Due to the indication of allowability of independent claim 1, from which claims 4, 6, 9 depend is given; a rejoinder will be made after the next Office action if everything is in order. In the response to this Office action, claims 4, 6, and 9 should be labeled with the appropriate label of (withdrawn). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. In regards to claim 15 and 16, the phrase "the sheet material comprises a laminated web structure" is unclear. It is uncertain if the "laminated web" from claims 15 and 16 is the same structure as the laminated web disclosed in amended claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17 and 18 are allowed. The independent claim incorporates a method of engaging a first side of the sheet material with a first crack initiator having a high rake angle and extending from a first cutter base having a low

rake angle, simultaneously engaging a second side of the sheet material with a second cutter, generating a first crack in the first side of the sheet material with the crack initiator, further propagating the first crack with a rake edge of the cutter base thereby disengaging the first crack initiator, the sheet material comprises a laminated web structure, and the first crack initiator has a height that is greater than a thickness of a protective laminate/coating on the first side of the laminated structure.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The examiner apologizes for the additional Office action, however the Office action was made to prevent problems due to PTO time constraints.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Prone whose telephone number is 571-272-4513. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Mon - (every other) Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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